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SUBJECT: ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL ELECTION

REF: STATE 204762; OTTAWA 2456, 2493 AND 2516 (NOTAL)

1. LABATT MET ON DECEMBER 4 WITH JOHN THIBAUT, SENIOR
EXTAFF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ILO MATTERS, TO ELICIT
LATEST GOC THINKING ON CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF ILO
DIRECTOR GENERAL. THIBAUT DISCLOSED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED
REPORT THIS VERY SUBJECT JUST DAY BEFORE FROM CANADIAN
MISSION IN GENEVA AMONG OTHER THINGS, REPORT ADDRESSED
ITSELF TO QUESTION OF WHETHER CANADA SHOULD SPONSOR
CANDIDACY OF JOHN MAINWARING, GOC REP ON ILO GOVERNING
BODY. ACCORDING THIBAUT, MISSION ASSESSED
MAINWARING'S CHANCES OF SUCCESS AT THIS TIME TO BE
VERY SMALL AND CONSEQUENTLY CONCLUDED THAT GOC
SPONSORSHIP WOULD PROVE TO BE FUTILE EXERCISE. ALSO,
MISSION OFFERED OPINION THAT MAINWARING'S EXPERIENCE
AS CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNING BODY WAS NOT ALONE SUFFICIENT

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TO EQUIP HIM TO DEAL KNOWLEDGEABLY AND EFFECTIVELY

WITH BROAD RANGE OF PROBLEMS FACING A DIRECTOR GENERAL.

2. THIBAUT REFERRED ONLY CURSORILY TO OTHER ASPECTS
OF REPORT. HE SAID MISSION HAD NOT MADE DEFINITE
RECOMMENDATION RE SUPPORT FOR ANY OTHER CANDIDATE BUT
STRESSED FACT THAT BLANCHARD IS NOW IN STRONG LEADING
POSITION. THIBAUT ADDED THAT BLANCHARD HAD MADE VERY
FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON CANADIAN OFFICIALS DURING VISIT
TO OTTAWA SOME MONTHS AGO.
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